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OBSERVER BELITTLES SENATOR CHURCH ON SOVIET TROOPS IN CUBA

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["Rejoinder: Well, How's That for Far-Sightedness?"--TASS headline]

[Text] Moscow, 3 September--TASS political observer Yevgeniy Babenko writes:

Here is a truly puzzling phenomenon: Frank Church, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has, without any optical devices, managed to "see" something that the various American services have not been able to discover before him, even with the help of the most crafty technical instruments. That is, Mr Church "has discovered" "approximately one brigade of Soviet troops" on Cuba, and discovered is an understatement, for the senator has even counted these "invisible Russian men" with an accuracy of give or take several men.

Amazing farsightedness indeed! What attracts one's attention is the fact that Senator Church's "discovery" did not happen at just any old time; but came on the eve of the 6th conference of the heads of states and governments of the nonaligned countries in Havana--is this a fortuitous coincidence?

Hardly. The French L'HUMANITE, for example, writes today that there is no coincidence here. The spreading of speculative rumours about supposed "Soviet troops in Cuba" (and following Frank Church, Western, and primarily the American, bourgeois press started stepping up the exaggeration of these rumors) was necessary to mislead the delegates of the representative international forum in the Cuban capital and weaken its anti-imperialist direction.

What's true is true. Attempts like this have not ceased. Isn't this the explanation for the surprising "keenness of vision" displayed by the American senator?

RADIO COMMENTARY ON MCHENRY APPOINTMENT AS UN AMBASSADOR

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[From the "International Diary" program presented by Andrey Ptashnikov and Aleksey Sokolov]

[Text] President Carter has appointed 42-year-old Donald McHenry as U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations. This news immediately produced a stream of the most varied commentaries. McHenry, you see, replaces Andrew Young, who was removed from his post for contacts with a PLO representative. Much has been said and written about that.

McHenry is a professional diplomat. For the past 2 and 1/2 years he was effectively been Young's deputy. The new head of the U.S. UN mission is a black, something which is also being widely discussed by news agencies. Many commentators believe that this is an obvious attempt to smooth over the undesirable effects produced by the dismissal of Young, who has great support among the U.S. black population. After all, the elections are not far off, and the last time Carter won largely because of the support of black voters.

McHenry has already held a press conference, where the first question concerned his views on the PLO. REUTER notes that McHenry carefully chose his words and said, and I quote, the Camp David agreements showed that some kind of path must be found for Palestinian participation in the search for peace in the Near East.

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The conference has endorsed the decisions of the foreign ministers of the non-aligned countries, including on the admission as full members of the movement of Nicaragua, Bolivia, Iran, Pakistan, Surinam, Grenada, and the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front.

NONALINED STATES REALIZE NEED FOR UNITY

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[Text] Havana, September 3, TASS--Special TASS correspondents Yuriy Romantsov, Viktor Zatsepin and Oleg Kolesnikov report:

The 6th Summit Conference of Non-aligned Countries is opening in the capital of socialist Cuba today. This is the first time that such a conference is held in Latin America.

The conference is to last till September 7.

It was with great attention and interest that the delegates and guests of the non-aligned summit forum received the message sent by Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, to Fidel Castro Ruz, chairman of the conference, which was published in the local press. Commenting on this message PRENSA LATINA writes that the Soviet top state and party leader highly appreciated the important contribution which is being made by the non-aligned states to strengthening peace and international security, to the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, racism and apartheid and for the recognition of the right of the peoples to shape their destiny themselves and for strengthening the political and economic independence of young states.

The non-aligned movement which came into being only eighteen years ago, has brought together a large group of countries of different continents. The movement has come to the Havana forum greatly strengthened. It represents today an influential factor for world politics, which is due largely to its anti-imperialist, liberation character and its appreciable contribution to strengthening world peace. The logic of struggle for national independence, peace and international security also predetermined such a feature of this movement as its contribution to asserting the principles of peaceful coexistence in international relations, to strengthening and spreading the process of detente to all regions of the world.

The non-aligned movement now encompasses about 90 countries which are, naturally, not identical in their state and social systems. Hence differences in their approach to some problems within the movement, differences which the enemies of this movement--imperialist reaction and the Beijing leadership which aligns with it--are trying to use for their own ends.

But as is shown by the results of the preliminary meetings of experts and foreign ministers, held on the eve of the conference, the overwhelming majority of non-aligned countries clearly realise that in the present conditions it is more important for them than ever before to strengthen their unity, to expand and deepen their cooperation with all progressive forces in the world.

The pertinence of the problems to be discussed by the conference and the striving of its participants for unity and coordination of efforts give ground to hope that the Havana forum will become a new landmark in the struggle of all progressive forces against imperialism and reaction, for a better life for the peoples.